

This monthly update includes noteworthy price increases and decreases for food and supplies. The rationale behind the noted increases and decreases is provided to educate our clients on industry trends and occurrences that may affect the pricing of our contracted products.

General Inflation Report for FY24 Period 7 (March):

Canada inflation is 2.78% for FY24 Period 7. Meat and supplies are the main drivers; however, it is offset by decreases in beverages, dairy, disposables, and seafood.

Meat: All segments are affected with Canada Mining leading the category with an inflation rate of 8.71%. Canada meat category inflation increased for FY24 period 7. It increased from 2.61% in FY24 period 06 up to 6.10% in FY24 period 7. Cooked, cured, and processed is the main driver with an inflation rate of 3.86%. Cooked cured processed increased from 1.46% in period 6 up to 3.86% in period 7. Seasonal demand and the greater influence of variables such as energy and transportation costs are reasons for the increase.

Supplies: All segments are affected. Canada supplies category inflation increased from 0.90% in FY24 period 6 up to 3.40% in FY24 period 7. Canada Mining is leading the category with the highest inflation rate of 6.06%. Dinnerware is the main driver with inflation of 14.91%. Dinnerware increased from -1.94% in FY24 period 6 up to 14.91% in FY24 period 7. The reason for the increase is due to material and labor costs.

Beverage: All segments are affected. Canada beverage category inflation for FY24 period 7 currently stands at 6.86%. Decreased from 10.49% in FY24 period 6 down to 6.86% in FY24 period 7. Canada Corporate Services is leading the category with the lowest inflation rate at 3.95%. Tea is the main driver with an inflation rate of -13.46%. Tea inflation decreased from -3.41% in FY24 period 6 down to -13.46% in FY24 period 7.

Dairy: All segments are affected. Canada dairy category inflation for FY24 period 7 currently stands at 0.56%. Decreased from 3.83% in FY24 period 6 down to 0.56% in FY24 period 7. Canada Healthcare is leading the category with the lowest inflation rate at 0.06%. Eggs are the main driver with an inflation rate of -0.47%. Eggs inflation decreased from 2.37% in FY24 period 6 down to -0.47% in FY24 period 7.

Disposables: All segments are affected. Canada disposables category inflation decreased from 1.17% in FY24 period 6 down to -0.93% in FY24 period 7. Canada Energy is leading the category with the lowest inflation rate of -3.88%. Gloves are the main driver with inflation of -17.99%. Pricing implemented resulting in deflation.

Seafood: All segments are affected. Canada seafood category inflation decreased for FY24 period 7. It went down from 0.06% in FY24 period 6 to -0.99% in FY24 period 7. Shellfish is the main driver in this

category with an inflation rate of -4.71%. Shellfish decreased from -2.22% in FY24 period 6 to -4.74% in FY24 period 7. Canada Mining is leading the category with the lowest inflation of -2.84%.

Upcoming Price Changes:

May 2024

Agropur Division Natrel

Fluid Dairy and Cheese: **Increase +3%**

Fine Cheese: **Increase +1.5%**

This is a blended price increase in response to the Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) increase on raw milk products.

Arla Foods

Cheese: **Increase +2%**

This is a blended increase due to the increase from the CDC on raw milk products.

Canada Bread

Fresh Bread, Snacks and Taki's: **Increase +5%**

This May 15th increase is due to elevated transportation, labour, sugar, soy, and packaging costs.

Canadian Cheese Corporation

Cheese: **Increase +4%**

This increase is due to the dairy increase from the CDC combined with CPI increases.

Danone

Dairy Based Yogurt: **Increase +2%**

This increase is due to the price increase from the CDC for raw materials.

Lactalis

Fluid Dairy: **Increase +4%**

Cheese: **Increase +2%**

This increase is due to the dairy increase from the CDC combined with CPI increases.